

Prepare to
succeed!



Y Top 10 Revision Tips Y

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Read the text

Give yourself time to read, think and explore the text!

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Think for yourself

Mark up key sections and think about why an event or a choice of words stands out.

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Make links and connections

Can you see parallels between characters or identify contrasting ideas? Do certain symbols or images crop up again and again?

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Read aloud

Listen to the sounds of words, the rhythm of the language. This can help you to understand the text and identify literary techniques.

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Contextualise

Get to grips with the time or place so you know the context of the novel, play or poem.

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Confront difficult passages!

Break them down and find a way that works for you: group study, performance, annotation, etc.

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Quote, quote, quote!

Back your quotes up with evidence and remember to embed your quotations, too.

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Use the correct terminology

Express yourself in a sophisticated way, use appropriate literary terms and explain their effect.

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Make effective notes

Use colour or type them, but make your notes work for you. We all learn differently!

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Be inspired!

See a production, watch the DVD, act it out – anything that inspires you and helps you to see the text differently!

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